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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that, in addition to committing an armed aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the United States of America has been in constant breach of the arms and military equipment embargo established by Security Council resolution 1160 (1998).

The Government of the United States of America maintains continuous contacts with the terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army, conducts training of its terrorists, finances and, via Albania, clandestinely despatches terrorist groups to Kosovo and Metohija. United States officials secretly meet Kosovo Liberation Army terrorists, and at one such meeting at the beginning of April discussed the modalities for delivering anti-tank missiles and other weapons for terrorist activities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. United States high-ranking officials make public statements on their contacts with Kosovo Liberation Army members, while United States citizens of Albanian origin are transported by the United States Air Force aircraft to Albania to join the Kosovo Liberation Army, and the operation is carried openly by the media.

By its actions, the United States of America has flagrantly violated Security Council resolutions banning shipment of arms and military equipment to terrorists, preventing training of terrorists for activities in Kosovo and Metohija and raising money for those purposes.

The wanton flouting of the decisions of the Security Council by the Government of the United States of America and its open support for separatism and terrorism is tell-tale proof of its disdain for the Charter of the United Nations and the violation of international law. At the same time, it renders outright support to the NATO aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and constitutes an escalation of the conflict, threatening peace not only in the region, but in Europe at large.

Upon the instruction of my Government, and bearing in mind the gross violation of the said resolution of the Security Council by the United States of America, I have the honour to request an urgent convening of a meeting of the

Security Council to condemn the United States of America for the violation of the arms embargo and to demand an immediate cessation of those activities.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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